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Obama Administration Announces Additional \$33,977,000 for Local Energy Efficiency Improvements in Puerto Rico

Block Grants to Support Jobs, Cut Energy Bills, and Increase Energy Independence

WASHINGTON – Vice President Joe Biden and Energy Secretary Steven Chu today announced plans to invest \$3.2 billion in energy efficiency and conservation projects in U.S. cities, counties, states, territories, and Native American tribes. This includes \$33,977,000 for efforts in Puerto Rico. A detailed breakdown is below.

Today's announcement builds on an investment of \$85,951,588 in Puerto Rico weatherization and energy funding announced by the Administration on March 12th and detailed at energy.gov/recovery.

"These investments will save taxpayer dollars and create jobs in communities around the country," said Vice President Biden. "Local leaders will have the flexibility in how they put these resources to work – but we will hold them accountable for making the investments quickly and wisely to spur the local economy and cut energy use."

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, funded by President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, will provide formula grants for projects that reduce total energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency.

The funding will support energy audits and energy efficiency retrofits in residential and commercial buildings, the development and implementation of advanced building codes and inspections, and the creation of financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements. Other activities eligible for use of grant funds include transportation programs that conserve energy, projects to reduce and capture methane and other greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, renewable energy installations on government buildings, energy efficient traffic signals and street lights, deployment of Combined Heat and Power and district heating and cooling systems, and others.

To ensure accountability, the Department of Energy will provide guidance to and require grant recipients to report on the number of jobs created or retained, energy saved, renewable energy capacity installed, greenhouse gas emissions reduced, and funds leveraged. Funding is based on a formula that accounts for population and energy use.

“The Block Grants are a major investment in energy solutions that will strengthen America’s economy and create jobs at the local level,” said Secretary Chu. “The funding will be used for the cheapest, cleanest and most reliable energy technologies we have – energy efficiency and conservation – which can be deployed immediately. The grants also empower local communities to make strategic investments to meet the nation’s long term clean energy and climate goals.”

Funding for local governments on the island includes:

PR	Puerto Rico Total Sum City, County, and SEO Allocations	All	\$33,977,000
PR	Puerto Rico	Energy Office	\$9,593,500
PR	Aguada	City	\$189,700
PR	Aguadilla	City	\$662,900
PR	Arecibo	City	\$982,300
PR	Bayamon	City	\$2,086,500
PR	Cabo Rojo	City	\$491,800
PR	Caguas	City	\$1,380,000
PR	Camuy	City	\$164,800
PR	Canovanas	City	\$195,200
PR	Carolina	City	\$1,781,500
PR	Cayey	City	\$201,400
PR	Cidra	City	\$199,600
PR	Coamo	City	\$164,000
PR	Corozal	City	\$160,000
PR	Dorado	City	\$153,700
PR	Fajardo	City	\$184,300
PR	Guayama	City	\$198,800
PR	Guaynabo	City	\$1,021,600
PR	Gurabo	City	\$176,400
PR	Hatillo	City	\$182,600
PR	Humacao	City	\$595,500
PR	Isabela	City	\$201,300
PR	Juana Diaz	City	\$490,500
PR	Juncos	City	\$170,700
PR	Lares	City	\$156,900
PR	Las Piedras	City	\$165,600
PR	Manati	City	\$216,500
PR	Mayaguez	City	\$941,200
PR	Moca	City	\$182,800

PR	Ponce	City	\$1,765,300
PR	Rio Grande	City	\$519,200
PR	San German	City	\$162,200
PR	San Juan	City	\$4,392,500
PR	San Lorenzo	City	\$182,200
PR	San Sebastian	City	\$199,000
PR	Toa Alta	City	\$709,400
PR	Toa Baja	City	\$858,300
PR	Trujillo Alto	City	\$756,700
PR	Vega Alta	City	\$163,300
PR	Vega Baja	City	\$ 608,300
PR	Yabucoa	City	\$166,300
PR	Yauco	City	\$202,700

More information on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program is available on http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm.

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